

REMARKS

In the Office action mailed October 21, 2005, the examiner allows claims 4-9, 12-17, and 19-22 and rejects claims 1-3, 10, 11, 18, and 23. This reply amends claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 18, and 23. As such, claims 1-23 are pending and under consideration.

I. Response to § 103 rejections

The examiner rejects claims 1, 18, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,145,102 ("Klein") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,381,694 ("Yen"). The examiner also rejects claims 2, 3, 10, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Klein in view of Yen and further in view of teachings in the present application which the examiner asserts are admitted prior art. These rejection are respectfully traversed.

This reply amends claim 1 to recite an apparatus comprising first and second network interfaces. The second network interface is made available by the application. The first network interface is used by the trouble notification unit and is independent of the second network interface.

None of the prior art cited by the examiner teaches or suggest anything similar to the apparatus of claim 1. The system in Klein has a single network subsystem used by both a computer and a system for monitoring the computer. Yen is directed to a software-based error detection and recovery system that does not rely upon any particular hardware. As such, Yen also does not teach or suggest an apparatus having first and second network interfaces. As neither Klein nor Yen teaches anything comparable to the apparatus of claim 1, these references do not render claim 1 unpatentable.

Claims 10, 18, and 23 are not unpatentable over the cited prior art at least because these claims include a feature similar to the feature of claim 1 discussed above. Claims 2, 3, and 11 are not unpatentable over the cited prior art at least because they each depend upon an allowable base claim.

II. Response to § 112 rejections

The examiner rejects claims 1-3, 10, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. This reply responds to these rejections by amending the claims.

III. Conclusion

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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